अलबत्ता, अभ्यावेदनों पर सावधानीपूर्वक विचार करने के बाद, भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक को उसमें कोई गुणवत्ता प्राप्त नहीं हुई।

Arrears of income tax and Corporation tax

6048. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General in its report numbered V of 1995 on direct taxes receipts has said that the arrears of income-tax and corporation taxes continue to increase;

(b) if so, the details of such increase in the last three years giving the reasons for not realising the taxes; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by Government to realise the dues speedily?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Following is the total outstanding demand during the last three years :

1991-92	8461 Crores
1992-93	9488 Crores
1993-94	13749 Crores

Taxes remain unrealised for various reasons, such as demands being stayed by Courts, Settlement Commission, Tribunal, Income Tax Authorities, instalments being granted in cases of genuine hardship, demands not falling due, amounts claimed to have been paid but awaiting verification, demands due from companies which are in liquidation, demands due from assessees involved in insolvency proceedings, demands due from assessees who have left India and have no known assets, demands due from assessees who are untraceable and/or having no known assets, etc.

(c) Appropriate administrative, legal and other measures are taken to reduce the demand. In bigger cases, dossiers are maintained and the position is reviewed regularly. Request is made to the concerned appellate authorities for early disposal of cases. Wherever the recovery proceedings are stayed by courts, steps are initiated to get the stay vacated. Coercive measures like attachment and sale of property, levy of penalty etc are also taken by the Department in suitable cases for speedy recovery of demand.

Disposal of uncleared landed goods

6049. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Public Accounts Committee in their latest report have stated that the Customs Department have failed to observe the prescribed procedures for the disposal of uncleared landed goods kept with the custodians beyond the permitted period;

(b) if so, whether the matter has been inquired into to find out the reasons for not following the laid down procedures;

(c) the steps taken to ensure the non-recurrence of the same in future; and

(d) the loss caused to the State by not following the laid down procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, it is learnt that delay in disposal of such goods was largely ascribable to want of adequate coordination between the customs and port authorities. Instructions have since been issued to the cus-